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NORTH BAY

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**ILLUSTRATING
COMMERCIAL, RELIGIOUS,
EDUCATIONAL, RESIDENTIAL
FEATURES OF NORTH BAY-
GATEWAY OF THE RICH *and* FERTILE NORTHLAND**

North Bay's Location and Transportation Facilities

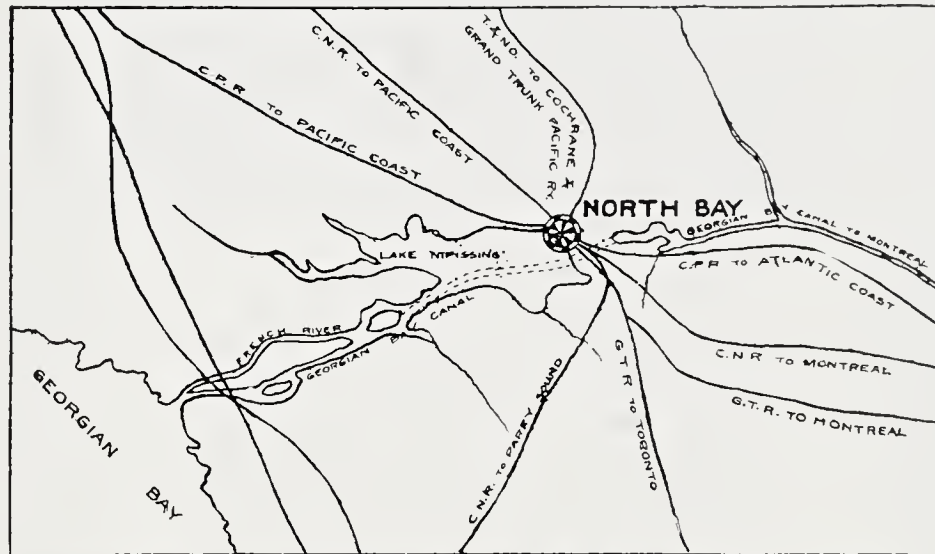
Looking at it from a commercial viewpoint North Bay commands an ideal location. Frequently it has been termed "The Gateway to the North"—a land vast in its area, which has been proudly

referred to by its inhabitants as "The Rich and Fertile Northland". Geographically speaking, North Bay is, in a figurative sense, the "hub" about which great tracts of country are directly or indirectly dependent. The sense of proportion, value of commercial link, of this dependence will assume a greater importance as the country develops and increases in population, creating many demands of factory, shop, and mill to fill the wants of mankind, home, mine, and farm. North Bay possesses

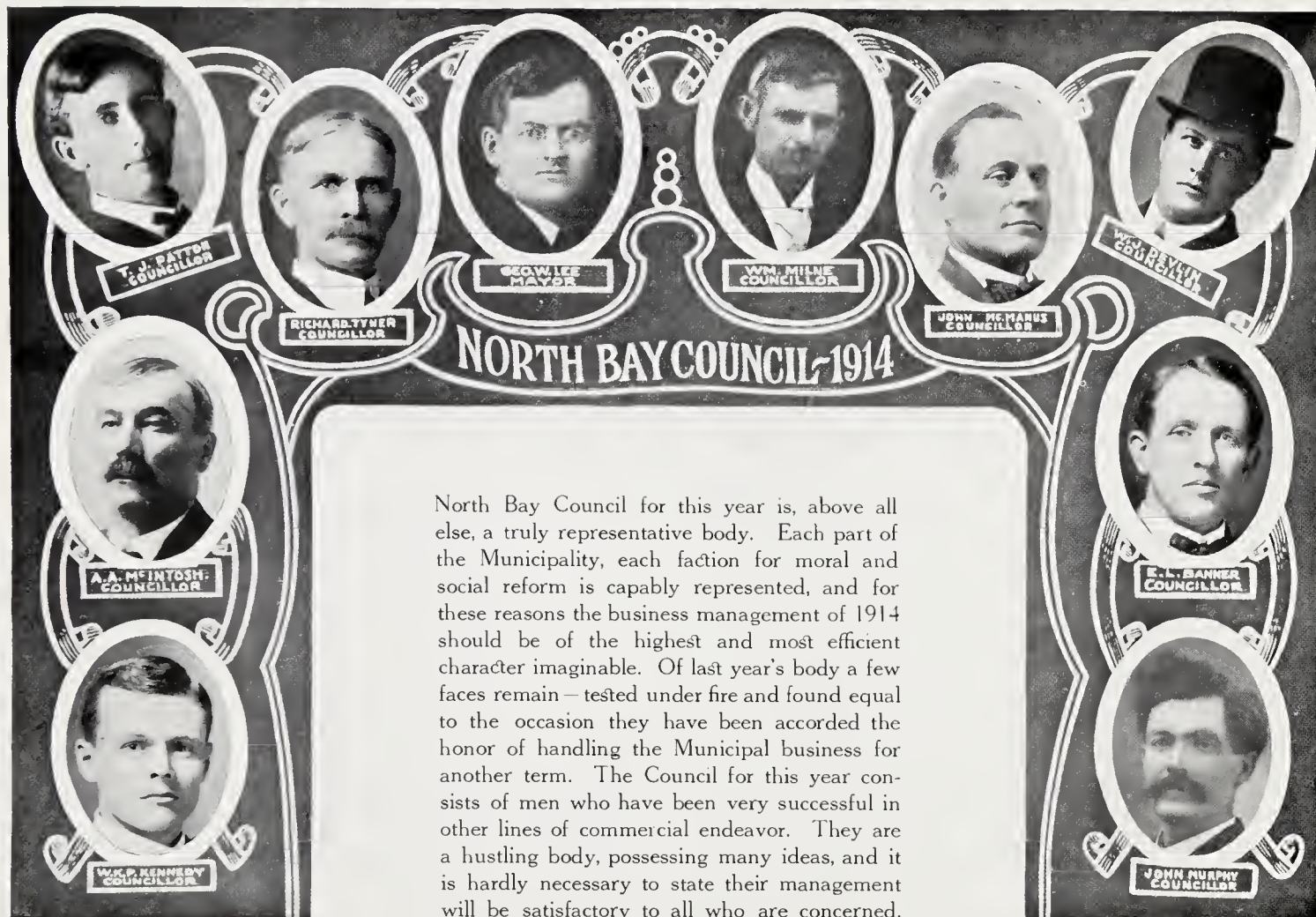
the elementary features so necessary to a successful manufacturing centre, including good, natural, livable accommodation for workers, exceptional shipping facilities, and cheap electric power. To the west, the north, the east, and the south stretch the rails of all the transcontinental and other leading railroads of the Dominion, connecting North Bay direct with the seaports of the Pacific and the

Atlantic, the large distributing centres of the continent. Excellent harbor accommodation on Lake Nipissing will give to North Bay invaluable distributing facilities by water, being on the direct

route of the proposed Georgian Bay Canal — a waterway that is bound to play an important part in the future transportation problems of the continent. North Bay is on "The Main Ocean to Ocean Line" of the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern railways. Running to the south there is the Grand Trunk, connecting it with Toronto and other large centres; to the north the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, which in turn connects with the new Grand

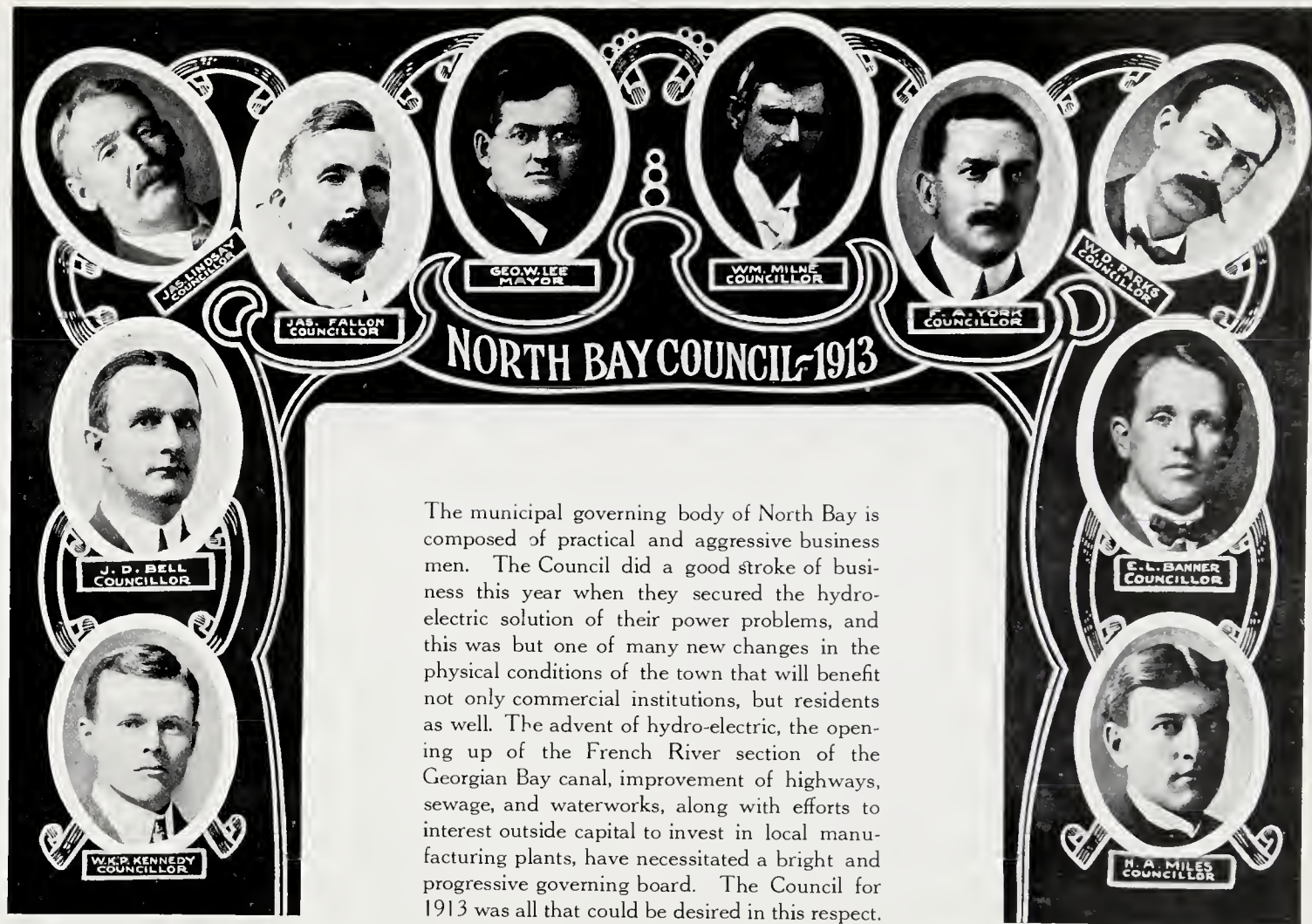


Trunk Pacific transcontinental line at Cochrane, whose feeders supply the area known as Northern Ontario, rapidly opening up a virgin field for manufacturers, rich in business possibilities. The improvement of the French River now being carried out by the Dominion Government will make North Bay a port of the great lakes with all the advantages which connection with navigation implies.



NORTH BAY COUNCIL-1914

North Bay Council for this year is, above all else, a truly representative body. Each part of the Municipality, each faction for moral and social reform is capably represented, and for these reasons the business management of 1914 should be of the highest and most efficient character imaginable. Of last year's body a few faces remain — tested under fire and found equal to the occasion they have been accorded the honor of handling the Municipal business for another term. The Council for this year consists of men who have been very successful in other lines of commercial endeavor. They are a hustling body, possessing many ideas, and it is hardly necessary to state their management will be satisfactory to all who are concerned.





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North Bay's Churches Represent the Best in their Construction and Architecture

A glance at the accompanying illustration demonstrates to the reader that North Bay is rich in churches. Not only is there an abundance—inasmuch as each denomination is represented—but the standard of construction, with the style of architecture, is equal to the places of worship that grace the streets of much larger cities. All of North Bay's churches, with the exception of the Roman Catholic, are of solid brick trimmed with stone, and containing the many other methods of decoration found in the leading churches of this modern age. The Catholic edifice is of solid stone. Its interior is complete to the smallest detail while its outward appearance convinces one of the attainment of perfection in the art of masonry and building. In the building of all the churches ample allowance was made for rapid increases in population. The churches as they stand to-day represent the investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars. They were built to withstand the ravages of time and of a size to meet the needs of such a progressive and rapidly growing city as North Bay



Group View of North Bay's Churches

French River--famous for Fish and Natural Scenery

A few miles from North Bay, by steamer route, there opens into Lake Nipissing the French River—a waterway alive during the summer months with the laughter and song of the hundreds of Canadian and American tourists who navigate its surface; who reside on either of its beautiful virgin green shores or islands. Not only is the French River district a beautiful one—beautiful indeed beyond power of description—but the fishing is so exceptionally good that it has been popularly adopted by hundreds of wealthy American families who never miss a summer spent upon its shores. It is here one breathes the invigorating pine-perfumed ozone, the whiff of the spruce, and the health-giving air tonic of the



Tourists landing at Frank's Bay, French River



Headquarters of "Solid Comfort Camp" of Pittsburg on the French River

oalsam. It is here one witnesses a placid ever-moving river stream or, farther up, the swift, turbulent, foam-laden water of a rapids; and again, farther on, a mighty waterfall with high frowning walls of rock on either side, a veritable seething cauldron at the base, with the hues of the rainbow delicately reflected in the mist. The scenery is not by any means monotonous. There is a variety—with a particularly strong feature in each—capable of satisfying the person attracted by the beauties of running water in its varied moods, the vagaries of rock formation, endless undisturbed forests—all governed solely by the laws of Nature.

There are fish galore. Small-mouthed black bass that make the rod tip cut the water, that jump and shake themselves in the air, and then scoot off at a rate that makes you worry for the sake of the reel, are to be found about the rapids, at the foot of the waterfalls, and upon the shoals with which this river abounds.

Along either side of the river there are many summer camps and pretty summer homes. Plying between North Bay and the river there is a daily steamboat service.

Tales of folks going home each fall acquaint others with the many natural features of this section. Gradually each winter definite knowledge extends over a greater area, and by the comforting blaze of a roaring fireside many students of nature can be found planning a summer on the French River.

The North Bay of 1914

Population--Assessment--Taxation--Items of Interest

In 1905 the population of North Bay was 3813. Last year it was 10,000, thereby showing an increase of 6187 permanent residents in a period covering eight years. Looking back over the census records the reader is impressed with the steadiness with which the increase in population was affected. No one year shows a greater gain than another, and comparing this feature with the strides that have been made in the industrial interests of the municipality, one is immediately convinced that the added numbers of each year did not take up residence in a speculative sense but rather to fill the requirements demanded by those needing the assistance of skilled and unskilled labor. The unemployed question is an unknown factor in North Bay. There is work for everyone desirous of lending a willing hand. With the increase in population many new buildings of a public character have been erected and accommodation and system of education has been enlarged and improved. Each year marks the extension of water mains and sewage system, improvements in roads, parks and other departments coming under the head of Public Utilities. All this work is in answer to demands accumulating from a rapidly growing city. If the reader will stop to consider that the taxable assessment for last year is \$5,500,000 possibly a better illustration of the development and stability of North Bay can be borne to the mind.

The battle cry used to muster its numbers about its standard has been "its manufacturing possibilities." And reviewing what has been accomplished with reference to this phase of the question, coupled with what the future possesses, it is a very good one. Aside from the transportation facilities by rail—already dealt with in this book—there is the larger, cheaper and vastly more important medium of shipping, namely that of shipping by water which will attain its greatest usefulness with the completion of the proposed Georgian Bay Canal. North Bay's position on Lake Nipissing permits it becoming a practical factor in this new solution for the economical shipping of all manner of merchandise. Into North Bay harbor will come the freight-laden monarchs of the water from the Great Lakes. And, out of this harbor also, as a part of a great national transportation



triumph, there will go each year a valuable amount of manufactured products for distribution throughout the world. And the canal scheme is an assured fact. The Government estimates for this year provide for the expenditure of \$500,000 on the French River section alone, which will connect North Bay with Great Lakes navigation, while the application to Parliament of The Montreal, Ottawa & Georgian Bay Canal Company, for permission to increase its capital to \$75,000,000 speaks for the practical certainty that the Montreal-North Bay section of the canal will be taken in hand ere long.

The power question at home is another phase of the manufacturing problem rapidly being remodelled to a workable solution. The Hydro-Electric Commission was invited to compete in the delivery of electricity for lighting and manufacturing purposes. The local company was seeking the support of the voters for an extension of their franchise. The two propositions were put to a vote and the Hydro won. Shortly they will develop water power on the French River which is capable of producing over 30,000 horse power. In the meantime competitiveness has accomplished a substantial decrease in figures. For manufacturing electricity can be purchased as low as \$20.00 a horse power, while lighting is as cheap as in any city of its size in the province.

During the past two years \$80,000 have been spent in "good roads" improvements. The building permits easily aggregated \$500,000—an increase of \$375,000 over the previous year.

North Bay is on the Bell Telephone Company's system. The growth of this corporation's business locally has been of sufficient volume to warrant the erection of a new, modern building and a central energy system has been installed. There are seven hotels, three banks, two telegraph offices and a theatre equal to the best in the country.

Stretching to the north is the Great Clay Belt—an area 500 miles long and 400 miles in width as rich for agricultural purposes as can be found anywhere in the Dominion of Canada. Settlement of these lands is now proceeding rapidly. Considering all these features North Bay is indeed the gateway to a land blessed with a bright and prosperous future.



Summer Cottage of Mr. John Ferguson, of North Bay, on the French River

About North Bay there are many Summer Resorts

In and about North Bay there are many spots, many regions in fact, sufficiently interesting from a scenic standpoint—sufficiently alive with all manner of game; whose waters teem with fish—to fascinate the camera fiend, the one anxious for a few weeks' sojourn with Nature, the angler or the hunter of the big fellows who rule the forest or the elusive winged folk.

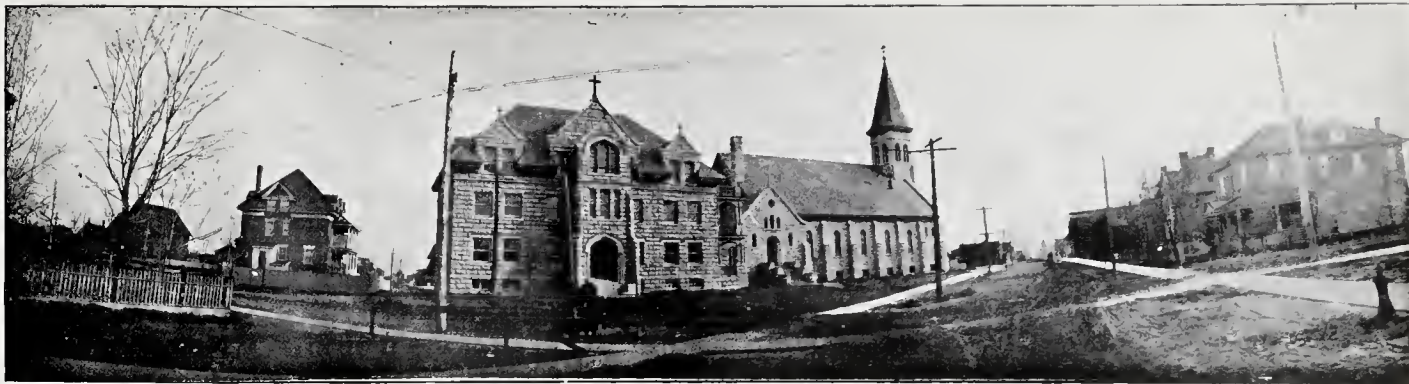
Lake Nipissing, upon which North Bay is situated, is a vista of panoramic beauty, pleasing to the eye of the person interested in natural unspoiled scenery. The lake is dotted with islands but the majority of them are to be found skirting the eastern and southern shores. In the foreground they stand like silent sentinels of the rippling blue, some with high projecting cliffs of rock, others with beaches of beautifully clear crystallized sand that gradually slope to meet the water; while back of it all is the shore line, in part high and rugged with tall and majestic pines standing

sharp and distinct against the sky, and again, farther on, low dense green foliage separated from the water by an even water-packed sand beach—making in all a wonderful picture, whether enveloped in the soft transparent light of the rising sun or standing out against the reddening glare of the day's closing distant horizon.

Among the islands all manner of fishing is to be found. Skirting the edges of the shoals that lie submerged among the islands, one finds the small-mouthed black bass. In the bays and among the weed beds there are the pike and the pickerel. Even off the pier at North Bay all kinds of fish can be caught any day of the open season, but it is among these islands that the real prize catches are made, and many an exciting battle has been fought with the battling maskinonge—lord of the fresh-water finny tribe.



Scene on Trout Lake—North Bay's Summer Residence Park



In the Foreground is the Bishop's Palace

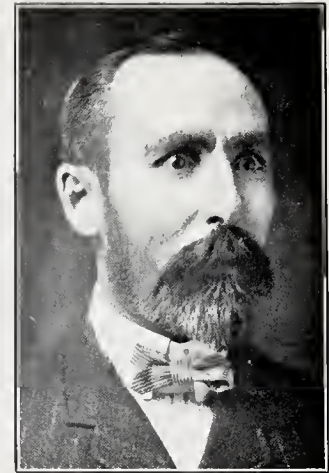


View of One of North Bay's Fine Residential Streets

North Bay has many New Public Buildings that are Modern, Efficient, and Beautiful

Dwelling on the richness and abundance of buildings the same tone can be applied when referring to those of a judicial and municipal character, more commonly known as "Public Buildings." The public buildings are characterized by a high standard of design. North Bay, aside from being a municipality, is also the judicial seat, and being blessed with more than the usual amount of local self-government, possesses in turn a greater array

of public buildings than a city of similar size situated under more ordinary circumstances. There is an exceptionally fine Post Office, a Carnegie Free Public Library, the Town Hall, Court House, Registry Office, Jail, the Sheriff's residence, and others. The various sittings of the High and District Courts bring to the city quite an additional amount of business in various ways. At these particular periods there is always a large visiting element composed of judges, lawyers, jurymen, witnesses, etc.



M. W. Flannery, Town Treasurer



North Bay's Fine Post Office



Official Headquarters, T. & N. O. Railway



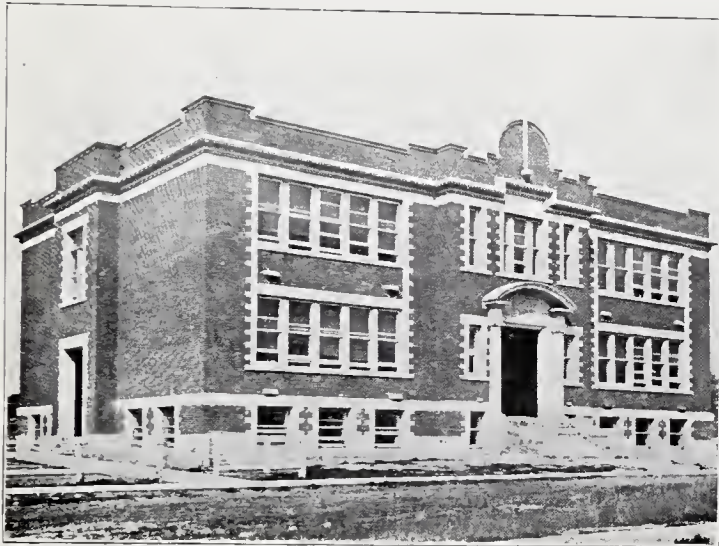
Sectional View of Main Street



Queen's Hotel and Portion of Oak Street

North Bay Possesses Exceptional Educational Opportunities

North Bay boasts of its educational facilities—boasts loud and long—and rightfully too, for none better exist, considering the scope which it covers. The system includes all the various grades from the kindergarten to the normal. The buildings are all new, equipped throughout with all the necessary features, and include—besides the two already mentioned—three public schools (one of which was erected last year at a cost of \$40,000), two separate schools, and a high school finished last year for a figure a trifle in excess of \$60,000. Aside from the municipal system there is a business college quite capable of turning out thoroughly trained men and women to fill the various callings of the commercial field. All the schools are manned by an efficient staff of instructors and the records of the various classes stand among the best in the province for efficiency.



New Public School, North Bay



New High School, North Bay



The Normal School



Town Hall and Fire Team



Exterior View of the Metropolitan Bakery



In the Centre is the Jail and Sheriff's Office



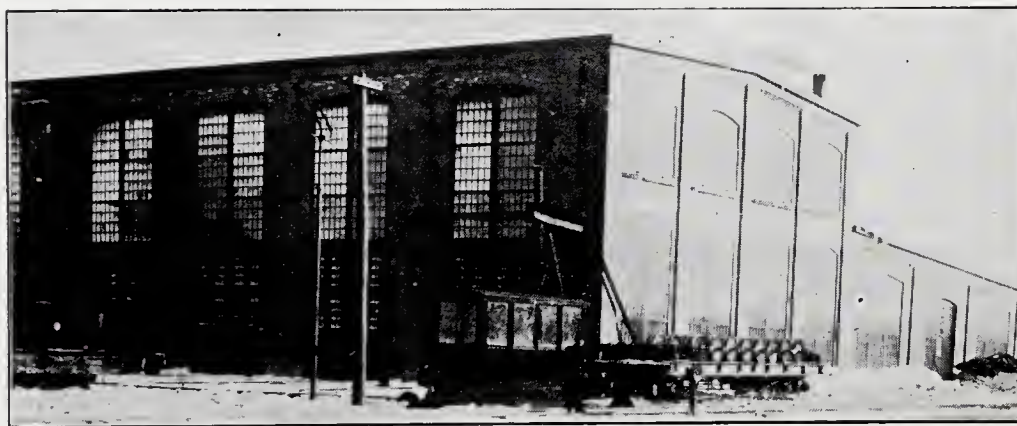
This is one of the Public Schools erected in 1891



Engine House and Round House, T. & N. O. Railway, North Bay



Showing Portion of C.P.R. Depot



Partial View of the new C. P. R. Shops just completed at North Bay

Why North Bay Grows

North Bay has a railway payroll of \$150,000 monthly, and steadily increasing. ¶ North Bay is a skilled mechanic community and wages are large---consequently the people live well and spend well. ¶ North Bay is the commercial hub of the new nation to the north, the silver fields of Cobalt, the golden eldorados of Porcupine, and the vast fertile plains of the Clay Belt which will soon be supporting in comfort thousands of good settlers, besides being headquarters for the lumbering industry of Northern Ontario in which many million dollars are invested. ¶ North Bay has cheap electric power and will soon have cheaper when the French River power is harnessed by the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. ¶ North Bay is the best place on the continent for wood-working industries, and the several factories here now are working at high pressure and steadily increasing the capacity. ¶ North Bay has the best shipping facilities on the continent ---three transcontinentals, Canadian Pacific Railway, Canadian Northern Railway, National Transcontinental Railway, besides having the Ontario Government Railway to Cochrane and the mining camps, connecting with the Grand Trunk Pacific; and projected to James Bay; the Grand Trunk Railway south; and when the Government works now under way on the French River are finished, North Bay will be connected with Great Lakes navigation, and be a lake and ocean port. ¶ North Bay has the finest summer resorts in the world---Trout Lake, French River, Lake Nipissing; the finest

hunting, trout fishing and canoeing centre. ¶ North Bay is a good place to make money and a pleasant place to live. ¶ North Bay is the educational centre of all Northern Ontario, with its magnificent Normal School which cost to build and equip in the neighborhood of \$100,000; besides the finest High School in Ontario, and three public schools which are equal in appointment to those in towns twice the population of North Bay. ¶ North Bay has a future as a city of large proportions---a centre of industrial activity and the business metropolis of an extremely rich and fertile northland.



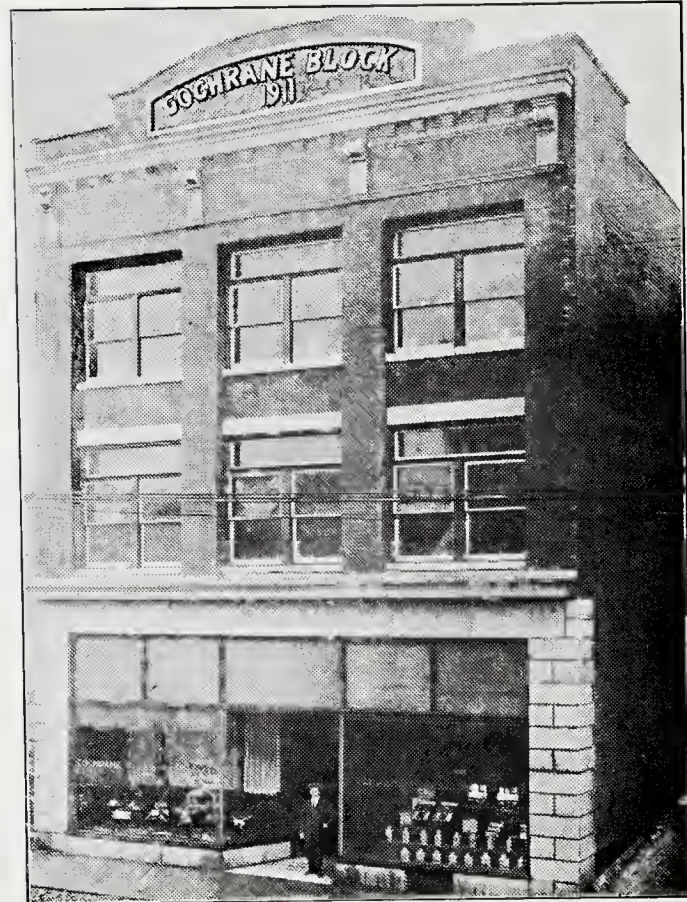
One View of the Northern Planing Mills Plant

North Bay Wholesale Houses

Young Co. Limited, Wholesale Grocers
Consolidated Rubber Co. Limited, Rubber Goods
Cochrane Hardware Co. Limited, Wholesale Hardware
John Bourke & Co., Wholesale Builders' Supplies
G. W. Duncan, Wholesale Fruits
Hugh Walker & Sons, Wholesale Fruits
Imperial Oil Co.
John M. Garland, Sons & Co., Wholesale Dry Goods
Percival Bros., Boots and Shoes
Massey-Harris Co. Limited, Agricultural Machinery
Hudson Bay Co., Furs

Industries

Canadian Pacific Railway, Car and Locomotive Works
Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, Car and Locomotive Works
New Ontario Brewery
Dominion Refineries Limited
Northern Planing Mills Limited
Jas. A. Cole & Co., Planing Mills and Box Factory
Barker & Knechtel, Planing Mill
Harrison Martin, Planing Mill
Wm. Milne & Son Limited, Saw Mills
Nipissing Laundry
Nipissing Foundry & Machine Co. Limited



Cochrane Hardware Co.



Plant of New Ontario Brewing Co.



New Building of the Bell Telephone Co.



Plant of Jas. A. Cole & Co., Box Factory and Planing Mill



New Warehouse of Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co.



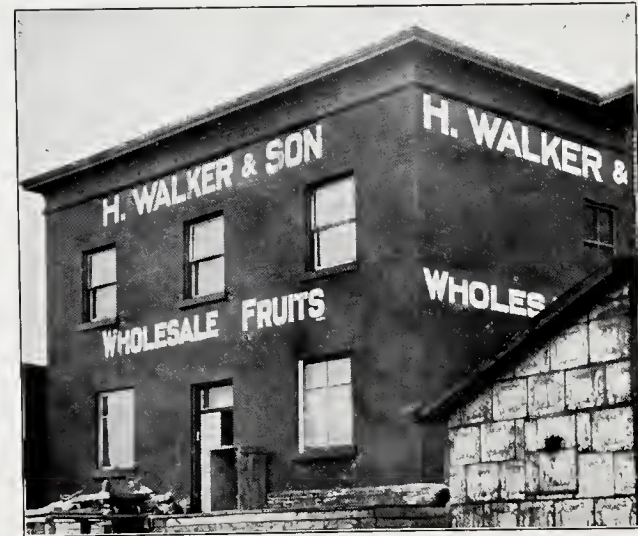
Nipissing Foundry and Machine Co.



Duncan's Wholesale Fruit Warehouse



North Bay Office and Plant of the Nipissing Laundry Company



H. Walker & Son, Wholesale Fruit Office and Warehouse



Office and Warehouse of the Young Co. Limited, Wholesale Grocers



St. Mary's Separate School built in 1904



The Royal—now known as the Griffin Theatre



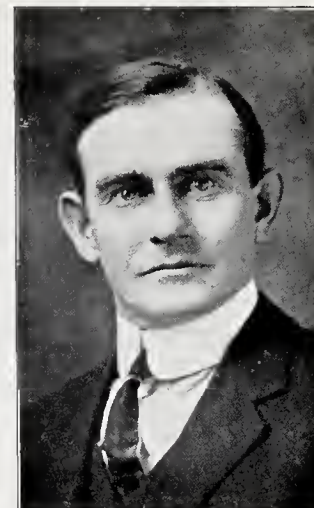
Saw Mill of Wm. Milne & Son Limited



E. C. Wakefield, American Consul

To Manufacturers and Capitalists

North Bay affords the best opportunity for the profitable investment of capital in Canada to-day, particularly in the following lines: Railway Car Building Shops, Furniture Factories, Pulp and Paper Mills, all Wood-Working Industries. Cheap electric power, abundant raw material at hand, exceptional shipping facilities, large home market and new and virgin field for manufactures, opening up and ever-widening in the new districts being opened up by the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway and Canadian Northern Railway. New towns are growing up and the agricultural lands of the Great Clay Belt are being developed by a good class of settlers. ☐ North Bay is the key to the vast treasure-house of Northern Ontario with its wealth of natural resources.



C. E. Hammond, Town Auditor



Main Street, looking from Post Office



Farrel Block, McIntyre Street



Pacific Hotel



Hotel Cecil



Campbell Block, Main Street



North Bay Branch, Imperial Bank of Canada



Royal Bank of Canada, formerly Traders Bank



Mulligan Block, Oak Street



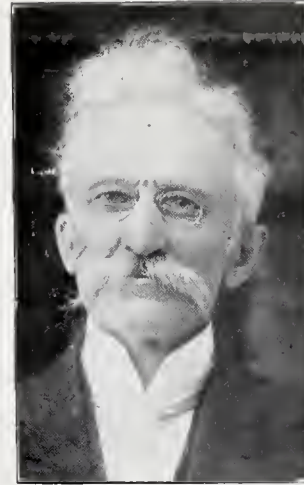
North Bay Branch, Bank of Ottawa



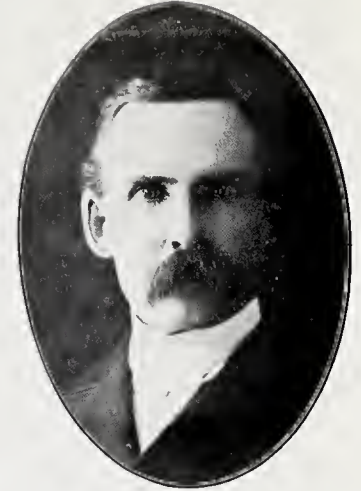
John Small, Water and Tax Commissioner



Wm. Raynor, Chief of Police



S. Weegar, Police Magistrate



T. N. Colgan, Commissioner of Works



Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital



Town Residence of Senator Geo. Gordon

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